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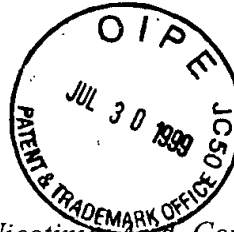

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Eugeno Cefali
Serial No.: 08/962,027
Filing Date: October 31, 1997
Group Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: Benston, Jr., W.
Title:

*Intermediate Release Nicotinic Acid Compositions for Treating
Hyperlipidemia Having Unique CMAX, TMAX and AUC
Biopharmaceutical Characteristics*



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to Monday, July 26, 1999, for responding to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 1999, for the above-identified application.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.17(c), please charge the associated fee and/or any additional fee to Deposit Account Number 50-0951. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: July 26, 1999


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